

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 are pending, and have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicant regards as his invention; no change in scope of the claims is either intended or believed to be effected by these changes. Claims 1 and 8 are in independent form.

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of Claims 1-6, 8-13, and 15-34, and the indication that Claims 7 and 14 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objections set forth in the Office Action. Since those objections are believed to have been overcome, Claims 7 and 14 are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

The Office Action does not clearly acknowledge that the certified copy of the priority document has been received, and Applicant respectfully requests such acknowledgment at this time.

The abstract of the disclosure was objected to for the reasons given at page 2 of the Office Action. Applicant has corrected the abstract accordingly. Withdrawal of the objection to the abstract is respectfully requested.

The specification was objected to for the reasons given at page 2 of the Office Action. Applicant has amended the specification accordingly. Withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

Claims 7 and 14 were objected to for the reasons given at pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action. Applicant has amended Claims 7 and 14 accordingly, and withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.


Claim 27 was objected to for the reason given at page 3 of the Office Action. In particular, the Examiner suggested that the acronym ATM be spelled out. Applicant has amended Claim 27 to recite an Asynchronous Transfer Mode type. Withdrawal of the objection to Claim 27 is respectfully requested.

Claim 28 was objected to for the reason given at page 3 of the Office Action. In particular, the Examiner suggested that the acronym IP be spelled out. Applicant has amended Claim 28 to recite an Internet Protocol type. Withdrawal of the objection to Claim 28 is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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